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OUR WORK PLAN AHEAD

- **Monthly Commission Meetings** - Since forming in October 2006, the Commission conducts **monthly meetings** that include panelists, opportunities for public input and Commission working sessions. The meetings are on Mondays during the morning hours generally. A schedule of upcoming meetings can be found at <http://www.dca.state.vt.us/commissions/cfed/index.html>
- **June 2007** – The Commission is preparing to draft a set of broad **Economic Measures**. These measures or indicators will be in a working draft format and are intended to provide an opportunity for refinement and feedback from the general public and policymakers. The intent is for these economic measures to include benchmarks for improvement or relative standing. Over time, the progress or failure to meet target benchmarks can be measured, reported and evaluated as part of the Commission's long term planning and public engagement process. There is potential for these selected indicators and benchmarks to be modified over time as Vermonters' needs and priorities evolve. Measures will be updated and distributed several times per year.
- **September 2007** – The Commission intends to prepare an **Interim Draft Report on Economic Development Strategies, Benchmarks for Improvement and General Findings**. This Draft report will provide a framework for the planned regional economic development outreach events and public engagement plans.
- **October 2007** - The Commission is planning to initiate an annual Economic Summit at the Statehouse in Montpelier that brings government, business, labor and community leaders together each fall to detail, debate and reach consensus on long term economic development strategies and priorities for Vermonters. The date, format, attendees and location for this event are unconfirmed.
- **November 2007 to June 2008** – To be effective, inclusive and relevant over the long term, the Commission will annually conduct a series of regional economic development outreach events, in addition to other avenues for public engagement and planning feedback. This engagement plan includes the following:
 - At least five regional meetings in fiscal year 2008. Locations and formats to be determined.
 - Web site with Commission reports, public input forms, surveys, etc.
 - Monthly Commission Meetings are open to the public. Input is encouraged in written form for distribution to the Commissioners and requests for presentation to the Commission are welcome.
 - Invited panelists, experts, employers, etc for monthly meetings and special events.
 - Monthly meetings are taped and CD audios available upon request.
 - Public Access Cable is taping for statewide distribution.
- **September 2008** – The Commission is planning to craft a **Long Term Economic Development Plan**, including measures and benchmarks for presentation to policymakers and the general public. This Report will detail a five year economic

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development strategy, recommendations and performance measures and be referenced during the next round of regional economic outreach events.

- **October 2008** – Second annual Economic Summit at Statehouse (unconfirmed).
- **November 2008 to February** - Another Series of 4-5 regional outreach and engagement meetings. Locations and format are to be determined.
- **Post February 2009** - The Commission has not yet detailed its work plan beyond this point. The process and work plan ahead will need to be refined based upon experiences and feedback from stakeholders.

Note: The Work Plan is subject to change and is wholly dependent upon continued commitment and resource support from the State of Vermont.